

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
June 28, 2010

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas was held at the Council Chambers, 6120 Broadway, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2010.

Present and composing a quorum were:

Mayor Louis Cooper
Mayor Pro-Tempore Stan McCormick
Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal
Councilmember Elliot Weser
Councilmember John Savage

Also attending were:

City Manager Ann Benson McGlone
Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Shawn P. Eddy
City Attorney Mike Brenan
Communications/IT Manager Marian Ramirez
Finance Director Cynthia Barr
Community Development Director Brian Chandler
Human Resource Manager Judith E. Surratt
City Secretary Jennifer Reyna
Fire Chief Bill Hagendorf
Assistant Fire Chief Buddy Kuhn
Police Chief Rick Pruitt

Absent was:

Councilmember Fred Prassel

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Mayor Louis Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

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Item # 1 Recognition of Fire Chief Bill Hagendorf on his retirement after 20 years of public service with the City of Alamo Heights

City Manager Ann McGlone thanked and complimented Fire Chief Bill Hagendorf for his leadership and stated his greatest accomplishment was achieving an ISO rating of two for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Stan McCormick read and presented a plaque to Chief Hagendorf. Mayor Cooper recognized the Chief's contribution to the City and presented him a gift as a token of the Council's appreciation for his dedicated service.

Chief Hagendorf thanked the Council for their support of the Fire Department. He also thanked the management team for their hard work on his behalf and the Firefighters for adhering to all the changes, during the reorganization of the department. Chief Hagendorf received a standing ovation from the audience.

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Mayor Cooper asked City Council for any corrections to the minutes of the June 14, 2010, City Council Meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Stan McCormick to approve the minutes of June 14, 2010. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 3 City Manager's Report

a. Announcement of No Council Meetings in July

Ms. McGlone reminded Council that there were no Council meetings scheduled for July in order to prepare the City's budget.

b. Announcement of TIFMAS Grant Assistance Program through the Texas Forest Service

Ms. McGlone announced the Fire Department received a grant from the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grant Assistance Program through the Texas Forest Service in the amount of \$2,400.

Chief Hagendorf recognized Battalion Chief Kevin Culak for his grant writing skills and commented this is the second grant Battalion Chief Culak has received within a twelve month period. Chief Hagendorf presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his efforts in obtaining the grant which will fund the cost of Fire Instructor training for Fire Department Officers.

c. Appointment of Harry "Buddy" Kuhn as Interim Fire Chief

Ms. McGlone announced that with the retirement of Fire Chief Bill Hagendorf, she is appointing Harry "Buddy" Kuhn as Interim Fire Chief, effective July 1, 2010. She stated that Chief Kuhn joined the municipality in January 2009 as Assistant Chief and followed with a summary of his career background.

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Citizens To Be Heard Concerning Non-Agenda Items

Sarah Reveley, 436 Corona Avenue, expressed concern on the lack of responses from Councilmembers to her email messages. Ms. Reveley also stated she is in support of the dog park.

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Consent Items

Item # 5 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1873

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A RENEWAL OF A
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO AREA
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Rosenthal. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCormick and passed by unanimous vote.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 6 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010R – 015

**A Resolution supporting the boundary study to consider the expansion
of the San Antonio Missions National Historic Park**

Community Development Director Brian Chandler provided a Powerpoint presentation that included background information and a map. Mr. Chandler advised the Council that the study would include the headwaters of the San Antonio River as the Blue Hole on the Incarnate Word property and the Episcopal Area Diocese as well.

Scott Bentley, Superintendent, and Al Remley, Project Manager, were present from the National Park Service. Mr. Bentley recognized Susan Chandoha, Executive Director for Los Compadres de San Antonio Missions National Historic Park. He stated re-evaluation of the expansion began with a request by Bexar County and the City of San Antonio. Mr. Bentley emphasized the importance of preservation of the San Antonio River because of its home to the San Antonio Missions.

Councilmember Weser asked how information will be communicated to the residents and if there flooding issues to consider. Mr. Bentley responded 2,200 newsletters have been distributed and 72 stakeholders meetings are coordinated. Mr. Bentley responded there would be no additions to the impervious cover and no additional monies for flooding remediation. The primary focus is to restore the natural ecosystem system and remove exotic plants species.

Mayor Pro Tem McCormick asked if exotic vegetation may live with original vegetation. Mr. Bentley stated that exotic species may remain depending on the property owner and the characteristics of the vegetation.

Margaret Spencer, 140 Patterson Avenue, asked if it would be necessary to implement eminent domain to acquire property or if any residences would be subject to a property purchase.

Mr. Bentley replied there are no residents in Alamo Heights that are subject to a property purchase. The expansion study would be implemented through conservation easements or cooperative agreements.

A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Weser. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rosenthal and passed by unanimous vote.

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Staff Reports

Item # 7 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

Mosquito Control Update

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Shawn P. Eddy provided a PowerPoint presentation that included background information.

He stated the city purchased and deployed a new product, Altosid pellets, along the City's creek areas on Wednesday June 16th. He stated the spraying was effective for the Movie Nights in the Heights on Friday, June 25th.

Mr. Eddy stated information on how to minimize mosquitoes on private property will be in the City's upcoming monthly newsletter.

There was discussion among Council about notification to the community and consideration of the best option for the community related to mosquito control. Spraying will be considered if the "dunks" are not effective. All notification processes will be followed. Councilmember Weser suggested the City concentrate on mosquitoes in standing water in the public areas and provide information to citizens via the City's monthly newsletter on how to control them on their personal property. Council agreed.

John Joseph, 206 Joliet, suggested the City to ask residents to address mosquitoes on their own private property or the City conduct fogging at night. He requested that the City to include treatments at the drainage area at Chichester Place and Austin Highway, in addition to the Olmos Basin. Mr. Joseph also suggested the City consider addressing rodent control as well, as he believes there are many rats within Alamo Heights.

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Ms. McGlone informed the Council that the reason for Councilmember Prassel's absence is that he and his wife are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, a family celebration out of town.

Mayor Cooper asked if any of the Councilmembers would object to the cancellation of the July 6th Work Session. Councilmember Rosenthal thanked City Staff for the preparation of the budget. Councilmember Weser stated he had a few questions but they could possibly be resolved with staff and/or the Accountability and Management Committee. Mayor Cooper also stated if desired another work session may be scheduled.

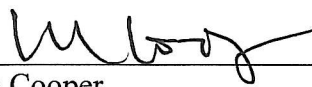
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There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember McCormick to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Savage and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.


Jennifer Reyna, TRMC
City Secretary


Louis Cooper
Mayor